



**Minutes of the
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD
September 23rd, 2020**

The meeting of the Emergency Medical Services Board opened at 9:00 am in the Iris Room at 665 Mainstream Drive, Nashville, Tennessee. Due to an abundance of caution this meeting was conducted with the Board Members presence via a web-based format (WebEx®)

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am CDST.

The Chairperson conducted a roll call with the following results.					
Board Member's Name	Present	Absent	Board Member's Name	Present	Absent
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	X		Twila Rose	X	
William Beaman	X		James Ross RN	X	
Dr. Chris Brooks	X		Dennis Rowe	X	
Kappu Deshpande	X		Tim Strange	X	
Thomas Dunavant	X		Tyler White	X	
Greg Patterson	X		Jeanne Yeatman RN	X	
Brian Robinson	X		13 Present; 0 Absent; A quorum was declared		

Also present:

- Brandon Ward Director Office of Emergency Medical Services
- Hansel Cook Assistant EMS Director
- Joe Holley MD State Medical Director
- Kyonzte Hughes-Toombs Legal Counsel
- Paul Richardson Legal Counsel
- John Dabbs Region 1 EMS Consultant
- Steve Hamby Region 2 EMS Consultant
- Nita Jernigan Region 3 EMS Consultant
- Brian Tompkins Region 4 EMS Consultant
- Dwight Davis Region 5 EMS Consultant
- LeeAnne Boeringer Region 6 EMS Consultant
- Teddy Myracle Region 7 EMS Consultant
- Kevin Cagle Region 8 EMS Consultant
- Randall Kirby EMS Consultant at Large
- Tory Ferguson Regulatory Board Administrative Assistant 2

Director Ward read requirements for conducting this meeting electronically.

APPROVAL OF THE June 21st meeting MINUTES – Motion by Dr. Brooks to accept and seconded by Mr. Ross. Motion passed on voice vote.

TPAP Report

No one to present currently.

OGC Report

Paul Richardson OGC Representative presented the report. First, Mr. Richardson read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There are 27 open cases. Today, OGC will present five (5) consent orders, two (2) agreed orders and one (1) contested case.

OGC Cases

Consent Order for Nicole Gianna Cartwright AEMT (CASE NUMBER: 2019040611)

Stipulations of Fact: Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (“AEMT”) in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 40739 on October 11, 2013, with an expiration date of April 30, 2022. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto employed by Lifeguard Ambulance of Chattanooga, TN. On August 26, 2019 Respondent and partner were dispatched to skilled nursing facility to transport a patient for dialysis. The nurse at dialysis center noticed that the wrong patient was transported. Respondent falsified run report by copying patient information from a previous run and pasting information on current run, as opposed to entering current information as required. Respondent also falsified documentation of monitoring patient’s vital signs using the cardiac monitor. However, an investigation by Respondent’s employer revealed the monitor had not been turned on during the run. Reviews of several run reports revealed poor and inaccurate documentation. On the August 26, 2019 run, there were two sets of vital signs documented, both sets at the same time, with different values for blood pressure and pulse. All indications are Respondent used the cardiac monitor to obtain the two sets of documentation.

Stipulated Disposition: NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Respondent’s AEMT license number 40739, to be effective immediately upon ratification of this Order.

Respondent understands and admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order. Respondent understands the rights found in the Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101, et seq., including the right to a hearing on a Notice of Charges to contest the charges and allegations, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent’s own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review. Respondent voluntarily waives these rights in order to avoid further administrative action. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board’s consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. Respondent also agrees that the Board may issue this Consent Order without further process. If the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party. Motion by Mr. Beaman to accept the Consent Order as presented and was seconded by Mr. White. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Consent Order for April M. Callers Paramedic (CASE NUMBERS 2019035111 and 2019045341)

Stipulation of Fact: Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Office as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 27412 on September 25, 2001, with an expiration date of April 30, 2020. On May 19, 2018, while on vacation, Respondent was arrested in Webbers Falls, Oklahoma, and charged with for the following:

- a. Driving Under the Influence of drugs
- b. Unlawful Possession of Cocaine, a controlled Substance
- c. Unlawful Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (straws and razor)
- d. Driving on a Suspended Driver's License

On May 25, 2018, Respondent submitted to a post arrest drug screen and tested positive for Cocaine. On July 11, 2018, Respondent received two suspensions without pay: one for 360 hours and a second for 168 hours, by the City of Memphis Fire Department and ordered to complete the Employee Assistance Program (EAP). Respondent successfully completed the EAP and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Center of Excellence for Behavioral Health Treatment and Recovery Program as recommended. On September 14, 2019 while on duty, Respondent was discovered asleep in her car in the parking lot with the door open and duty bag on the ground. Respondent had difficulty waking up and was observed with glassy eyes and incomprehensible speech. Respondent immediately submitted to a for cause drug screening which revealed a positive test for Cocaine. On September 22, 2019, Respondent was admitted to Recovery Unplugged Treatment Center for substance abuse treatment, and successfully completed a 30-day inpatient program.

Stipulation Disposition: NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to have Respondent's license to practice as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, license number 27412, is REVOKED. However, the revocation is STAYED, and Respondent's license is placed on SUSPENSION immediately upon ratification of this order. Respondent may undergo an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program ("TnPAP"). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the revocation shall remain STAYED and the license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION on the following terms and conditions:

A. The period of probation of Respondent's license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should Respondent's monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of probation of Respondent's license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.

B. Respondent's failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of this ORDER, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of the REVOCATION of Respondent's license and Respondent's license shall become REVOKED. If thereafter, Respondent wishes to have Respondent's license reinstated, Respondent must submit an application to the Division, appear before the Board, and demonstrate his/her present ability to engage in the safe practice of emergency medical services. The Board reserves the right to impose other reasonable conditions of reinstatement at the time of Respondent's appearance.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP- approved evaluation but monitoring was not recommended, the REVOCATION shall be lifted and Respondent's license shall be immediately placed on PROBATION for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Any correspondence with the Office of EMS from the Respondent shall contain the notation of April M. Cullers, Case Numbers 2019035111, and should be submitted to Division of Health Licensure and Regulation Office of Emergency Medical Services.

Respondent understands and admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order. Respondent understands the rights found in the Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101, et seq., including the right to a hearing on a Notice of Charges to contest the charges and allegations, the right to appear

personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent’s own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review. Respondent voluntarily waives these rights in order to avoid further administrative action. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board’s consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. Respondent also agrees that the Board may issue this Consent Order without further process. If the Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

A motion was received from Dr. Brooks to approve and seconded by Mr. Ross. A Roll Call Vote was taken:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Nay	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Nay	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Nay
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	10 Ayes; 3 Nays: Motion carried	

Consent Order for Justin Adams Roberson Paramedic (Case Number 2019059201)

Stipulation of Fact: Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 36892 on June 21, 2010, with an expiration date of June 30, 2022. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto employed by Bledsoe EMS (“Bledsoe”). On or about November 26, 2019, Respondent’s crew answered an emergency call involving a female patient experiencing breathing difficulty. Upon arrival, the crew placed the patient onto a cot. The patient’s husband requested transport to Erlanger-Chattanooga due to previous experience at the local facility, but for Respondent to do so would violate EMS rules and regulations. Upon Respondent’s refusal to honor the husband’s request, the husband telephoned the mayor, who in turn, telephoned the EMS Director. The EMS Director reiterated Respondent’s reply to the husband. The patient was then unbuckled from the cot and assisted into her husband’s van, where she was transported to Erlanger. Due to the stressful nature of the circumstances, Respondent was unable to attain the patient’s vital signs, perform any assessment, or present a refusal of care form. The PCR documented the call as a no patient contact/call canceled. Upon arrival at Erlanger-Chattanooga, the patient’s pulse ox read in the low to mid 80’s and she was admitted to the ICU for several days.

Stipulated Disposition: NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the REPRIMAND of Respondent’s Paramedic license number 36892. Respondent understands and admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order. Respondent understands the rights found in the Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101, ct seq. , including the right to a hearing on a Notice of Charges to contest the charges and allegations, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent’s own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review. Respondent voluntarily waives these rights in order to avoid further administrative action. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board’s consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions. Respondent also agrees that the Board may issue this Consent Order without further process. If the

Board rejects this Consent Order for any reason, it will be of no force or effect for either party.

Motion by Mr. White to approve as presented and seconded by Dr. Brooks. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Consent Order for Anthony Daniel Sipes AEMT (Case Number 2019059201)

Board Member Twila Rose recused herself from the proceedings.

Stipulation of Fact: Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as an Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (“AEMT”) in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 36349 on January 28, 2010, with an expiration date of November 30, 2020. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto employed by Henry County Medical Center EMS Ambulance Service. On February 20, 2019 while on duty at Henry County Medical Center, Respondent received a call from his child mother stating that the child had fallen and received a laceration to his head. Respondent met the mother and child at the emergency room (“ER”) and examined the child. After examination, Respondent consulted with ER staff who advised that the wound required either stitches or staples. Respondent took the child to one of the examination rooms and unsuccessfully used super glue to mend the wound. Respondent then went to his vehicle, retrieved his personal staple gun, and without medical direction, proceeded to place two staples into the wound. He then reexamined and bandaged the wound, checked the child’s mental status, and discharged the patient with the mother. The child did not register with ER at this time. Approximately six hours later, the mother returned to the ER to request a treatment summary and obtain a school excuse. The attending physician discovered that no documentation of the previous visit existed, and expressed concern that the child had visited the ER previously and been allowed to use materials from the ER, but did not register as a patient nor receive the required medical screenings. Respondent acknowledged to investigators that the procedure he performed on his child was beyond his scope of practice. Respondent’s employment was terminated as a result of this incident.

Stipulated Disposition:

NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the SUSPENSION of Respondent’s AEMT license number 36349, for a period of one-hundred and eighty (180) days, to become effective immediately upon the ratification of this Order. Pursuant to TEL. CODE ANN. § 68-140-305, INN. COMP. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-12-01-.17, and Board policy, Respondent must complete eight (8) hours of ethics training, as approved by the Director of the Division within twelve (12) months following the ratification of this Order. Pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-140-305, Tenn. Comp. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-12-01-.17, and Board policy, Respondent must instruct eight (8) hours of ethics training, as approved by the Director of the Division, within twelve (12) months following the ratification of this Order. Pursuant to TEL. CODE ANN. § 68-140-305, TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-12-01-.17, and Board policy, upon the lifting of the SUSPENSION, Respondent’s AEMT license will be placed on PROBATION for a period of three (3) years. Proof of completion of the Ethics training must be submitted to the Division. A notation shall be placed on any correspondence with the Office of EMS as Anthony Daniel Sipes, Case Number 2019012931.

Respondent understands and admits the allegations, charges, and stipulations in this Consent Order. Respondent understands the rights found in the Act and the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, TENN. CODE ANN. §§ 4-5-101, et seq.,

including the right to a hearing on a Notice of Charges to contest the charges and allegations, the right to appear personally and by legal counsel, the right to confront and to cross-examine witnesses who would testify against Respondent, the right to testify and to present evidence on Respondent’s own behalf, as well as to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, as well as the right to appeal for judicial review. Respondent voluntarily waives these rights in order to avoid further administrative action. Respondent agrees that the presentation of this Consent Order to the Board and the Board’s consideration of it and all matters divulged during that process shall not constitute unfair disclosure such that the Board or any of its members become prejudiced requiring their disqualification from hearing this matter should this Consent Order not be ratified. All matters, admissions, and statements disclosed during the attempted ratification process shall not be used against Respondent in any subsequent proceeding unless independently entered into evidence or introduced as admissions.

Motion by Mr. Ross to approve and was seconded by Mr. White. A roll call vote was conducted:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Recused
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	12 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Board Member Twila Rose rejoined the proceedings.

Consent Order for Brandi M. Sykes Paramedic (Case Number 2020001551)

Stipulations of Fact: Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto licensed by the Division as a Paramedic in the state of Tennessee, having been granted license number 213359 on October 17, 2019, with an expiration date of September 30, 2021. Respondent was at all times pertinent hereto employed by the Bradley County Ambulance Service (“Bradley County”). Respondent was hired August 5, 2019. She allowed her license to lapse on October 1, 2019. During the lapse, Respondent was involved in twenty-eight (28) emergency care runs in which Bradley County eventually had to invalidate, resulting in a significant financial loss. Additionally, a review of Respondent’s records revealed incomplete patient care reports starting on September 16, 2019. On or about, November 18, 2019, Respondent received counseling regarding the incomplete patient care reports. Respondent cited severe depression and a related hospitalization as the source of her difficulties with work. She expressed remorse and stated that the volume of paperwork became overwhelming. She indicated that she was seeing a therapist and was working toward improving her performance. Respondent was suspended until November 18, 2019, when she reportedly completed the reports. Upon further investigation, it was revealed that she had failed to complete the reports and had accumulated a total of fifty-seven (57) incomplete patient care reports. On or about January 8, 2020, Ms. Sykes was relieved of her position.

Stipulation of Disposition: NOW THEREFORE, for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action with respect to this cause, Respondent agrees to the SUSPENSION of Respondent’s Paramedic license number 213359, immediately upon ratification of this Order. Respondent may undergo an evaluation approved by the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program (“TnPAP”). Should the results of the TnPAP-approved evaluation recommend monitoring, then Respondent may sign a TnPAP monitoring agreement and obtain the advocacy of TnPAP. Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent has signed a monitoring agreement prior to or during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be STAYED and the license shall be placed on PROBATION on the following terms and conditions:

A. The period of probation of Respondent’s license shall run concurrent with his or her monitoring agreement with TnPAP, but in no event shall the period of probation be less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. Should

Respondent's monitoring agreement with TnPAP be extended, the term of probation of Respondent's license shall be extended to run concurrent with the new term of the TnPAP monitoring agreement.

B. Respondent's failure to maintain compliance with all of the terms of the monitoring agreement and the advocacy of TnPAP until the completion of the monitoring agreement and any amendments thereto will be a violation of probation and a violation of this ORDER, and shall result in the immediate lifting of the stay of suspension of Respondent's license upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP. If thereafter Respondent wishes to have his or her license reinstated, Respondent must appear before the Board and demonstrate his/her present ability to engage in the safe practice of emergency medical services. The Board reserves the right to impose other reasonable conditions of reinstatement at the time of Respondent's appearance.

Upon receipt by the Division of notification from TnPAP that Respondent underwent a TnPAP- approved evaluation but monitoring was not recommended, the suspension shall be lifted and the license shall be placed on PROBATION for a period of no less than three (3) years from the date this ORDER is entered. 14. Pursuant to TENN. CODE ANN. § 68-140-305, TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-12-01-.17, and Board policy, Respondent must complete four (4) hour of ethics training, as approved by the Director of the Division, prior to the lifting of the SUSPENSION of Respondent's license. Pursuant to TEL. CODE ANN. § 68-140-305, TENN. COMP. R. & REGS. RULE 1200-12-01-.17, and Board policy, Respondent must complete four (4) hour of medical-legal training, as approved by the Director of the Division, prior to the lifting of the SUSPENSION of Respondent's license. Respondent must complete all incomplete run reports prior to the lifting of the SUSPENSION of Respondent's license. In no event shall Respondent's license be under SUSPENSION fewer than thirty (30) days. Proof of completion of continuing education hours must be submitted to the Division. A notation shall be placed on any correspondence with the Office of EMS as Brandi M. Sykes, Case Number 2020001551.

Motion by Dr. Brooks to approve and was seconded by Mr. Ross. A roll call vote was conducted:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Mr. Ross had to temporarily excuse himself due to an employment obligation.

AGREED ORDERS

Samantha James (Anderson) AEMT APD Case Number 17.34-202730A

Mr. Richardson presented the Agreed Order that was reached with Samantha James (Anderson) AEMT Number 29851. After the presentation, a motion was received from Mr. White and seconded by Dr. Brooks to deny the Agreed Order as presented. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye

Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried
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Mr. Richardson obtained direction from the Board as to the disposition they thought would be appropriate.

Joseph Printy Paramedic Docket Number 17.34-202841A

Mr. Richardson presented the Agreed Order that was reached with Joseph Printy Paramedic Number 212130. After the presentation, a motion was received from Ms. Deshpande and seconded by Mr. Strange not to accept the Agreed Order as presented. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Once again Mr. Richardson sought and received direction from the Board as to disposition, they felt would be appropriate.

Since the Administrative Law Judge had not arrived for the Contested Hearing, The Board proceeded to hear reports in the interest of proper utilization of time.

Legislative Bill Report

This report was given by Mr. James Bell. He related there was five (5) bills of interest to the Board. He went into details of each bill.

TnPAP Report

Mr. Harkreacher delivered the report of 16 active cases: 9 regulatory and 7 nonregulatory.

Contested Case

Tennessee Department of Health vs David W, Dorminey (APD Docket No. 17.34-191980A)

Administrative Law Judge Mattielyn Williams will be presiding and Mr. Paul Richardson will present the State's case. Mr. Dorminey nor his attorney were present at the proceedings. Dr. Smith recused himself from the proceedings. Mr. White was appointed Chairman for the hearing

Mr. Richardson presented proof of the notice of the hearing. A motion to find Mr. Dorminey in default was made by Mr. Ross and seconded by Ms. Deshpande. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	11 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Mr. Ross returned to the proceedings.

Mr. Richardson presented the State’s case and called two (2) witnesses: Ms. Natalie Boone (Clay County EMS Director) and Mr. Brian Tomkins (TDH Office of EMS Upper Cumberland Regional Consultant).

A motion to accept the State’s presentation as a Finding of Fact was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Ms. Deshpande. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	12 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

A motion was received from Mr. Strange and seconded by Mr. Patterson to accept the Conclusion of Law as presented. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	12 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

As Disciplinary Action a motion was received from Dr. Brookes and seconded by Ms. Rose to have a letter of reprimand be issued. The respondent is to attend a class on the Tennessee Rules and Regulations and a class on Ethics as determined by the State EMS Director. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member’s Name	Response	Board Member’s Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Nay	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Nay
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	10 Ayes; 2 Nays: Motion carried	

Mr. Strange made a motion to accept the Policy Statement as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Deshpande.

A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Nay	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Nay
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	10 Ayes; 2 Nays: Motion carried	

Mr. Ross made a motion to accept the Order and it was seconded by Mr. Strange. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Recused	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Nay	James Ross RN	Aye
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Nay
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	10 Ayes; 2 Nays: Motion carried	

This concluded the Proceedings.

Dr. Smith returned to the Proceeding and as Chairman.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Air Ambulance Committee

None

B. Ambulance Committee

The Committee reported on their progress on several topics: Event Medicine, Decontaminant procedures, procedures for transporting infectious disease patients, securing equipment, equipment layout, and driver's age.

C. Initial Education Committee

The Committee reported on progress of Military Bridge class and EMT to Paramedic curriculum.

D. Continuing Education Committee

None

E. Trauma Council

None

F. Director's Report

A report was received from the State Director on various topics: Governor's Executive Order, the acquisition of ultraviolet lights for ambulances via the CARES Act funds.

The Director addressed the issue of a budget deficit and the review of our fee schedule. The last fee adjustment came 9 years ago. Mr. Ward made the proposal of the following increases in the fee schedule:

- Increase ambulance fee (ground and air) to \$350,
- Increase personnel licensure fee by \$10
- Fee increases to are to take effect on July 1st, 2021

Motion by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. Strange to accept the proposed increase. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

G. Clinical Issues Committee and Medical Director's Report

Dr. Holly gave the report on several topics:

1. Prehospital Ultrasound Project

- a. Motion by Mr. Strange and second by Mr. Beaman to authorize a pilot program for prehospital ultrasound project. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

2. Sepsis Protocol

- a. Motion by Mr. Strange and seconded by Ms. Yeatman to authorize a pilot program for sepsis treatment at Fayette County. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye

Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried
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3. He made the Board aware of the NAEMSD survey about Medical Direction is about to be rolled out.
4. He discussed the best practices document.
 - a. Motion by Mr. Rowe and seconded by Mr. Strange to approve this best practice document and to share it on the state Web Site. A roll call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

5. A discussion was held on usage of Ketamine pre-hospital and a Best Practice document has been composed. Mr. Rowe motioned for it to be adopted and Mr. Strange seconded it. A Roll Call vote was taken:

Board Member's Name	Response	Board Member's Name	Response
Chrm Dr. Sullivan Smith	Aye	Twila Rose	Aye
William Beaman	Aye	James Ross RN	Absent
Dr. Chris Brooks	Aye	Dennis Rowe	Aye
Kappu Deshpande	Aye	Tim Strange	Aye
Thomas Dunavant	Aye	Tyler White	Aye
Greg Patterson	Aye	Jeanne Yeatman RN	Aye
Brian Robinson	Aye	13 Ayes; 0 Nays: Motion carried	

Old Business

There was further Old Business.

New Business

There is no new business.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday December 9th and 10th, 2020 The Chairman did advise the Board that there is a high probability of it being both days.

A motion was received to adjourn with multiple seconds. Motion carried on voice vote. Meeting was adjourned at 1:33 pm CDST.